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*HITS FROM BACK IN THE DAY







POF

NOT
THAT I
THINK
WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
MEET
HIM.

YEAH, BUT
I WONDER
WHAT IKKI
WILL THINK
OF THIS
SUPER
GIRLY
OUTFIT.

Looks
Tawara-
balls
Nice

STILL, HE
WAS A HIGH
SCHOOLER TEN
YEARS AGO, SO
HE'LL BE IN HIS
LATE TWENTIES
NOW... I BET
HE'S HOT!

AND YOU
WERE BORN
A WOMAN
TOO! WHAT
A WASTE!

KOTORI-
CHAN, YOU
ALWAYS
WEAR SUCH
CHEAP
CLOTHES.

SO I
FIGURED
IT'D BE
FINE FOR
TAWARA
TO COME...

WHEN
I CAME
BEFORE, THE
OWNER'S
CAT WAS
WANDERING
AROUND.









I THINK HE MIGHT BE COMING AROUND SOME-TIME SOON.

YOU'RE PROBABLY BOTH HERE FOR IKKI.



THE OWNER HAS KNOWN IKKI SINCE HE WAS A CHILD.

OH REALLY?



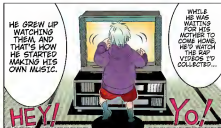
OH... ANDY PASSED AWAY.

I'M SORRY TO BE SO RUDE...



SHE WORKED HERE AT THIS SHOP, AND LIVED WITH IKKI ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

IKKI WAS RAISED BY A SINGLE MOTHER...



HE GREW UP
WATCHING
THEM, AND
THAT'S HOW
HE STARTED
MAKING HIS
OWN MUSIC.

WHILE
HE WAS
WAITING
FOR HIS
MOTHER TO
COME HOME,
HE'D WATCH
THE RAP
VIDEOS HE'D
COLLECTED...

HEY!

Yo!



...TINY
KITTEEN,
SHEVER-
ING IN
HIS
ARMS.

...HE
BROUGHT
HOME A
SOAKING
WET...



fshh

HE WAS
ALSO THE
ONE WHO
BROUGHT
ME ANDY.



ANDY
AND I
FIRST
MET!

AND
THAT
WAS
HOW...

WHEN HE
WAS IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL,
ON A
RAINY
NIGHT...

THEN,
FOR
NEARLY
TWO
HOURS...

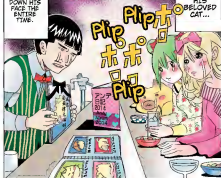


SEATED
AT THE
COUNTER,
I OR-
DERED
A GIN AND
TONIC.

...DYING
OF FELINE
INFECTIOUS
PERITON-
ITIS.
WHILE
TEARS
STREAMED
DOWN HIS
FACE THE
ENTIRE
TIME.

ANDY FELL ASLEEP JUST AS HE DID
EVERY DAY, BUT THIS TIME HE
WOULD NEVER WAKE AGAIN WITH
THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT
TROUBLED HIM GONE. HE WAS
FINALLY ABLE TO SLEEP IN PEACE.
GOOD NIGHT, ANDY... HIS SLEEPING
FACE TOLD ME THAT HIS LIFE WITH
ME WAS ONE OF HAPPINESS.

WE
LISTENED
TO THE
OWNER'S
TALK OF
WOB
ABOUT
HIS
BELOVED
CAT...





WHY IS
THE MAN
NEXT TO HIS
SLEEPING?

Zzz

IS HE A
CUSTOMER?
DOES HE
WORK
HERE?



THERE'S
NOT
ENOUGH
FEE IN
THE GIN
AND
TONIC...

...AND THE
MIXED
NUTS ARE
STALE.



IT
SMELLS
OF
MOLD.

THE
SHOP IS
DIRTY...



IT'S SO
HORRIBLE
THAT IT'S
EMOTION-
ALLY
DRAINING!

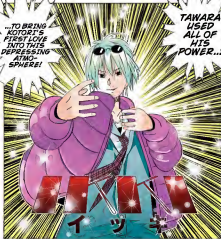
AND THIS
TOWEL
STINKS

AND THE
OWNER'S
STORY
ISN'T JUST
DEPRESS-
ING...

ブルブル
Blubber

...TO BRING
KOTORI'S
FIRST LOVE
INTO THIS
DEPRESSING
ATMO-
SPHERE!

TAWARA
USED
ALL OF
HIS
POWER...



HE
LOOKS
THE
SAME
AS 10
YEARS
AGO?

IT
CAN'T
BE!



**KOTORI'S FIRST LOVE, IKKI, COMES IN LIKE A COMET!
BUT WHAT'S GOING ON...?!**